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RE: Proposed Reciprocity Agreement on Licenses for Carrying of Concealed Firearms

Dear Deputy Attorney General Dublin:

Thank you for your recent letter inquiring about the possibility of entering into a reciprocity agreement for concealed weapon permits with the State of California. California is a "may issue" state that vests local law enforcement with the discretion to decide whether to issue a concealed weapons permit to an applicant. (Cal. Pen. Code, § 26150.) They may do so only for California residents whose good moral character they have verified.<sup>1</sup> (Cal. Pen. Code, § 26150, subds. (a)(1), (3) and (c)(2).) The California Legislature has not provided a mechanism that would permit the Attorney General to waive the residency restriction, or local verification of moral character, by means of a reciprocity agreement with another state. You may access detailed information on this and other California firearm laws at [www.oag.ca.gov/firearms](http://www.oag.ca.gov/firearms).

If you have any further questions, please contact the Bureau of Firearms at (916) 227-7527 or write the Department of Justice, P.O. Box 160487, Sacramento, CA 95816-0487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luis Lopez", written over a horizontal line.

LUIS LOPEZ, Director  
Bureau of Firearms

For XAVIER BECERRA  
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<sup>1</sup> A person who is temporarily in California may transport an unloaded firearm in a locked container in a motor vehicle. (Cal. Pen. Code, § 25610.)